

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/08/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5 and 12-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE:

-Claims 1-5 are allowable because the instant application is directed to an nonobvious improvement over the invention described in patent No. 4,639,924 to Tsunekawa. The improvement comprises an optical source driver for driving an optical source, comprising: a current source series connected to the optical source; a DC-DC converter having a power input, a power output connected to an input of the optical source, and a control input; an operational amplifier having a first input connected between the optical source and the current source, a second input for receiving a first voltage, and an output connected to the control input of the DC-DC converter; a switch having a power input and having a power output connected to the input of the optical source; and a comparator having a first input connected between the optical source and the current source, a second input for receiving a second voltage, and an output connected to a control input of the switch. This patentable distinction is included in independent claim 1.

-Claims 12-14 are allowable because the instant application is directed to an nonobvious improvement over the invention described in patent No. 4,639,924 to Tsunekawa. The improvement comprises an optical source driver for driving an optical source, comprising: a current source series connected to the optical source; a primary control loop having a DC-DC converter and an operational amplifier, wherein the DC-DC converter has a power input, a power output connected to the input of the optical source, and a control input, and wherein the operational amplifier has a first input

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connected between the optical source and the current source, a second input for receiving a first voltage and an output connected to the control input of the DC-DC converter, for controlling the output of the DC-DC converter in response to a control signal at the second input; and an override control loop having a power input, a power output connected to an input of the optical source, a switch between the power input and the power output and a comparator having a first input connected between the optical source and the current source, having a second input and having an output connected to a control input of the switch, for selectively connecting the power input to the power output when a signal between the optical source and the current source falls below a predetermined point. This patentable distinction is included in independent claim 12.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hanh Phan whose telephone number is (571)272-3035.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan, can be reached on (571)272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-4700.


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